

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
DAVID HERNANDEZ-ESTRADA,  
  
Defendant.

Case No. CR19-237-RSL

ORDER GRANTING  
MOTION TO PROCEED  
WITH GUILTY PLEA  
HEARING

This matter comes before the Court on defendant's "Motion to Proceed with Guilty Plea Hearing." Dkt. #27. Having considered the motion, the government's response thereto, and the records and files in this case, THE COURT GRANTS defendant's motion.

THE COURT FINDS that a video or telephonic guilty plea hearing should take place as soon as practicable because, considering the dangers posed by the COVID-19 outbreak as articulated in defendant's motion, further delays in this case would cause "serious harm to the interests of justice." See W.D. Wash. Gen. Order 04-20.

THE COURT HEREBY REFERS this matter to a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the scheduling and entry of the guilty plea. The Magistrate Judge shall determine whether to proceed by videoconference or teleconference based on availability of the technology at the time of the guilty plea.

It IS SO ORDERED.

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1 DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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3 Robert S. Lasnik

4 United States District Judge